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Dear Ryan,

We would like to thank you again for meeting with us regarding our current dock maintenance project on Tuesday, August 22, 2023. Per our conversation the Mercerwood Shore Club is submitting revised plans for you review.

The Mercerwood Shore Club ("**Club**") requests an exemption to the limitation contained in MICC 19.13.050 F 2 ix that no more than 50% of framing elements can be replaced within a 5-year period unless the provisions in MICC 19.13.050 F 2 ix (a) through (c) are met. The Club's permit 2206-185 for project SHL21-028 ("**Permit**") requires installation of open grating on 100% of dock surfaces in place of the original wooden decking. Work completed in the first phase has shown that the condition of piles and framing members in areas of the docks not repaired in phase one is poorer than expected, such that more than 50% of the framing members and piles must be repaired or replaced to safely install open grating on 100% of the dock surfaces, as required in the Permit. The Club wishes to proceed with work necessary to install the remaining required open grating as soon as possible after city approval of the requested exemption.

The Club plans to repair the remaining 101 piles. 48 piles were previously repaired. Repair of additional piles will have an ecological benefit since additional aged creosote-soaked piles will no longer be in contact with the lake water. Deteriorated framing members would be replaced, and new framing members would be installed as needed, to facilitate installation of open grating on all dock surfaces not completed in phase one. Drawings attached to this exemption request indicate the additional piles to be repaired. The completed configuration of the docks will be the same as that shown in the original Permit drawings.

The additional pile repair and framework replacement to accommodate the required open grating will advance the Shoreline Master Program goals for improving the shoreline environment. As such, we believe approving this permit modification amply fits within the purpose and effect of the current shoreline substantial development permit exemption for repair and maintenance work.

Sincerely,
Mercerwood Shore Club